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LONDON FOR ATHERTON AND SAUNDERS

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP(CROWN PRINCE HASSAN)
SUBJECT: MIDEAST CONSULTATIONS AND CROWN PRINCE HASSAN'S
U. S. VISIT

1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN INFORMED ME AT AIRPORT ON JULY 17,
JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON PRIVATE VISIT TO THE U. S.,
THAT KING HUSSEIN (WHO RETURNED TO JORDAN ON JULY 16) HAD
JUST AUTHORIZED HIM TO ASK IF HE(HASSAN) COULD RECEIVE A
BRIEFING ON RESULTS OF LONDON TALKS AND GENERAL MIDEAST
NEGOTIATIONS FROM U. S. DURING HASSAN'S FORTHCOMING VISIT.

2. CROWN PRINCE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING SUCH DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY VANCE OR WITH NATIONAL SECURITY
ADVISOR BRZEZINSKY IF EITHER IS AVAILABLE, OR IF THAT IS
NOT POSSIBLE, WITH ATHERTON OR SAUNDERS.

3. CROWN PRINCE SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS
ADVANCE MAN SHEHAB MADI TO WORK OUT POSSIBLE DATE OF MEET-
ING. HASSAN SAID HE IS QUITE FLEXIBLE IN ACCOMODATING TO
A MEETING TIME AND IS EVEN WILLING TO ALTER HIS VACATION IF
NECESSARY TO FLY BACK TO WASHINGTON. HE DID NOT PRESS FOR
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EARLY MEETING HOWEVER AND KNOWS MOST PERSONS HE WISHES
DISCUSSIONS WITH ARE CURRENTLY IN EUROPE. HASSAN WILL BE
IN NEW YORK FOR NEXT TWO DAYS AND THEN DEPARTS FOR NEWPORT
BEACH, CALIFORNIA UNTIL ABOUT AUGUST 3. HE WILL BE ON
EAST COAST AUGUST 3 - 7 AND THEN HE RETURNS TO JORDAN.

4. COMMENT: I DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY IN AIRPORT SETTING

TO TELL CROWN PRINCE ABOUT POSSIBLE FORTHCOMING ATHERTON
VISIT TO JORDAN (ALTHOUGH I WAS ABLE TO BRIEF COURT CHIEF
SHARAF ON THIS). NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN KING HUSSEIN'S BACK-
ING FOR CROWN PRINCE'S REQUEST, I HOPE WE CAN ARRANGE DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH CROWN PRINCE DURING HIS U. S. VISIT. I
BELIEVE THIS GESTURE IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY, GIVEN
JORDANIAN INTEREST AND CONCERN OVER MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS
AND DESIRE TO HAVE FULLEST UNDERSTANDING OF U. S. ATTITUDES
IN ITS REGARD. SUDDARTH

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